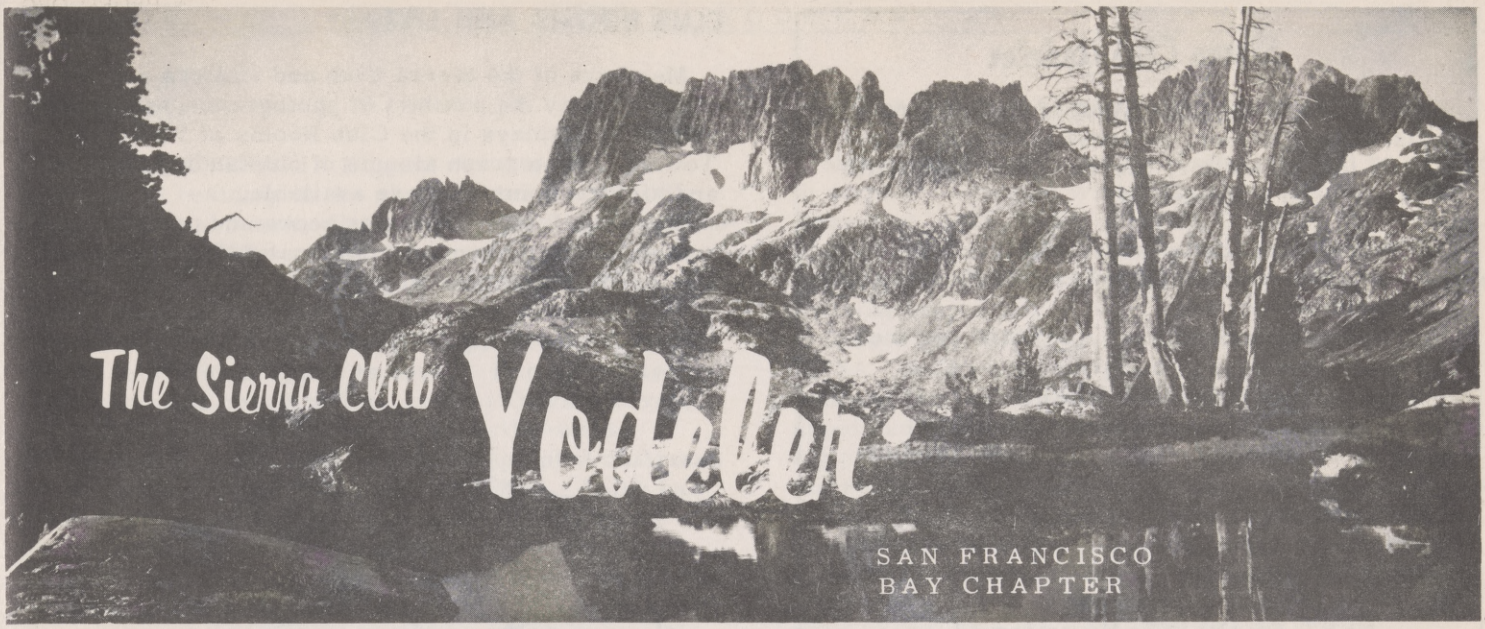

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ELECTION EXTRA

In the October 25 contest for the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club, most people voted for:

Wesley Bunnelle*	Phillip Faulconer*
Donald Huber*	Claudia Owen *
Ivan Tarnowski*	A. Louis Elliott
Glen Gaumer	Pauline Praasterink
Ned Robinson	

The chapter and the incumbents welcome the new members (noted as *) of the Ex Committee.

CONSERVATION NEWS ITEMS

We hear -- and hope it is true -- that the E.B.M.U.D. Board of Directors has now expressed a willingness to wait for three years, until the State Recreation Survey is completed, before disposing of lands around San Pablo reservoir. We also hear -- and wish it were not true -- that Bodega Head, approved by the State Park Commission for acquisition by the State Park system, is now announced as the site of a large waterside power plant. This development will certainly ruin the Horseshoe Cove as a recreation area and will make it impossible to carry out studies of marine biology planned by the University of California. The P.G.&E. has already started condemnation proceedings against a private owner there who wished to retain her lands at least until the State Park was created. Too bad, we think, that the Dept. of Beaches and Parks apparently has neither inclination nor emergency funds to move quickly where desirable acquisitions are grabbed in this way.

We think this article in Western Outdoor Quarterly deserves quoting:

"Some three tons of tin, an estimated 26,000 cans and other debris discarded by campers in the Kearsarge Pass region were collected by a crew of twenty-eight Sierra Club Work Party members between

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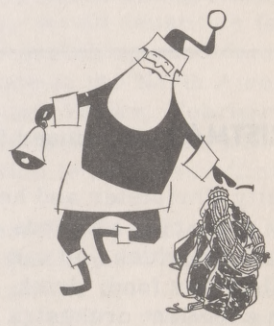

PREPLANNING PROMISES PERFECT PARTY

There are valid rumors circulating that more and more "pretasting" and "presampling" committee meetings are being held to set the mood for the Annual Christmas Party, which is set for December 6 at the Glenview Women's Club, 1318 Glenfield Avenue (off Park Boulevard), Oakland.

To start the evening off some Pre-Party Dinners and Get-Togethers are being planned. Those in the East Bay call Clyde Wiborg (KEllogg 2-2342) for dinner arrangements. (One has to get up at the crack of dawn and call Clyde before 8:30 in the morning, and the deadline for this is a week before.) The San Francisco group is planning a Get-Together at Elsa Gluckert's (LOmbard 4-7656). So call either Elsa or Simon Miedema (LOmbard 4-2706) for all the details. These members are also going to attempt to coordinate rides to the Christmas Party. Come stag or in couples; or if you are entertaining, bring your friends along. In any case, be sure to get your tickets in advance. (See below).

Many good things are lined up for the party goers. Murray Peterson's orchestra starts the dancing off at 9:00 P.M. with mixers that will get everyone acquainted. Betty Klevesahl (that party chairman who has been working since last spring on this dance) has in store for you some other entertainment which will keep the evening lively until 1:00 A.M.

To insure that there will be punch to suit all, Betty K. has appointed two committees. One is headed by Jim McCracken and the other by George Baldwin, and scientific studies are being made in each case to insure that you will be served the best.

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CHRISTMAS (Continued from Page 1)

Betty Christeler and her crew are working feverishly preparing all kinds of delicacies for that buffet table from which you can partake all evening.

All of this food, drink, and good fun plus dancing to an excellent orchestra can be obtained for $3.00 if you act promptly by buying your ticket from any of the people listed below. Deadline date for ticket sale is Wednesday, December 3. NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR. Don't delay in getting yours, because people may be scalping the tickets by December 3! FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

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All mail orders to Walt Oppenheimer, 1288 - 36th Avenue, San Francisco 22, checks payable to Sierra Club Christmas Party. (Price $3.00 per ticket.)

-- Georgella Perry

The YODELER apologizes to those subscribers who did not get a copy of the last issue (October 20th.) All had recently changed address -- and that file of cards was forgotten by our typing crew.

CLUB ROOMS AND LIBRARY

Members of the Sierra Club and visitors are invited to enjoy the exhibits of photographs, paintings, and other displays in the Club Rooms at 1050 Mills Tower. Photograph albums of outstanding artistic and historical interest are available.

The Club Library contains books and periodicals on mountaineering, conservation, natural science, and the techniques of climbing.

* *

I just hope that Sierra Club stays away for awhile.
They even flatten the cans!

* *

Conservation (Continued from Page 1)

August 17 and 23. The crew volunteers, five to fifty-five years of age, filled 150 burlap sacks with flattened cans, foil, and glass found mostly around Bullfrog Lake. A special contingent of skin divers swam for litter in the surrounding lakes. Cans were strewn in open view and were piled behind logs, between granite rocks, and in partly covered raw pits beneath the meadow sod. One tin sign found in good condition was dated 1937, showing that decomposition of the metal is extremely slow at this 11,000 foot elevation. Fred Eissler, of Santa Barbara, leader of the cleanup crew, said: "I hope that our efforts encourage other campers to take a personal interest in helping to keep the wilderness clean. There is only one best way for handling this trash. Each person must carry out the cans and bottles he brings into the mountains. Burying the debris destroys the meadow sod and leaves unsightly, easily eroded pits. Trying to hide the junk is poor housekeeping, too."

-- CMC

APARTMENT AVAILABLE

We forgot to say the small apartment for rent in Berkeley (see last Yodeler) is 75% furnished. Still available at $60. A cute place for someone with a car who likes the hills. Call AShberry 3-2159.

CTL NEWS

FLASH! EXTRA!! Biggest news to hit CTL in a decade -- residing in the place of honor in the kitchen, is a brand-new, shiny, long-needed and wished-for DISHWASHER. After this the rest of the news is anti-climactic. The men's lower dorm (now family rooms) have been painted and there is more to be done. IF we get enough help, we can have the floors laid before winter is here. For East Bay transportation coordination, contact Donna Harvey, 2491 Ellsworth, Berkeley, THornwall 3-6238.

Frank Shoemaker has just been appointed chairman of the lodge committee by Dr. Bradley. Frank has been working on the rates committee for the past couple of years and in close conjunction with Bob McGillicuddy, retiring chairman. Under Bob's able leadership, the lodge committee has grown, not only in size, but in the scope of business it handles. In line with this, there will be a meeting at CTL on Sunday, November 16, which all members are invited to attend.

-- Roberta Codis

SKIERS' CALENDAR

November 19 -- A day of frustration on which both John Jay and Warren Miller are showing their new films in San Francisco. Both of these should be excellent, judging from previous productions.

Warren's film, "Are Your Skis on Straight?", will be at Nourse Hall, Franklin near Hayes, 8:30 p.m., $1.50 tax included. We have no further information on John Jay's film, but no doubt announcements will be posted at local ski shops.

Be sure to see at least one of these. There'll be another chance to see Miller's on February 10th, in Berkeley.

November 14 -- The Bay Area Snow Queen Ball at the Mark Hopkins. Dancing from 9:00 P.M., with Ray Hackett's music. For tickets contact Don Huber, 802 College Avenue, Kentfield.

November 22 -- Alpineer Ski Swap (a chance to swap your used equipment for cash and see the latest fashions.) To be held at California Hall in San Francisco (Polk near Turk). See last YODELER for more info.

HOLIDAY PEAK CLIMB — MEXICO

December 21, 1958 - January 3, or 10, 1959. Cost: from $250. Will make as many attempts on major peaks as possible in 2 or 3 week period. More extensive schedule if enough interest to stay longer. Some non-climbers will be in party. Reservations and details:

Joe Wampler, Box 45,
Berkeley 1, California

-- Advertisement

SQUAW VALLEY WINTER OLYMPICS

More than 700 volunteer ski officials will be needed to stage the Olympic Winter Games at Squaw Valley February 18-28, 1960, Prentis C. Hale, Organizing Committee President recently told Far West Ski Association officials charged with preparing adequate training programs.

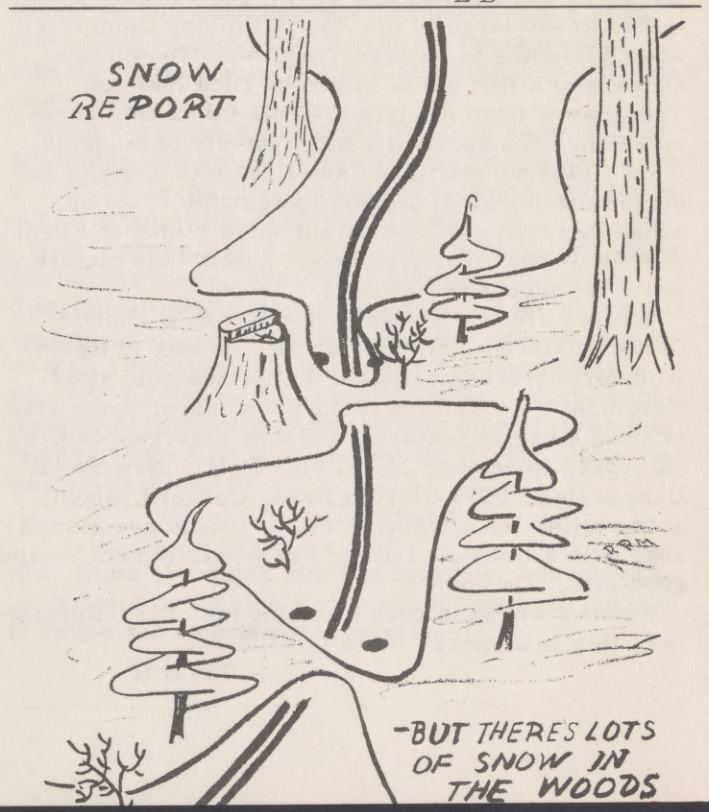
Dick Wind, Officials Certification Chairman of FWSA, outlined the program in terms of required training for each official seeking certification, and appointed key people to assist him in setting up training programs in major cities and areas throughout the FWSA. Wind said every skier desiring to qualify must fulfill no less than 18 hours of classroom instruction in familiarization with rules and technical aspects of ski competitions. Then the candidate must spend two days of practical work under actual race conditions at the Olympic site.

The Annual Birthday Giant Slalom Race, January 18, and the Bay Area Ski Federation Championships, February 8, at Squaw Valley, would constitute the required "work days." The qualifying candidates will then be allowed to officiate in the North American Ski Championships at Squaw Valley, February 21-March 2, 1959. At that time their abilities will be evaluated for possible selection to serve as officials in the 1960 Games.

Mr. Wind concluded the meeting by declaring that male candidates desiring to qualify as Olympics official gatekeepers or course police must be eighteen years of age before January 1, 1960. Women successfully completing the training program will be allowed to serve as secretaries and recorders. All candidates must be members of the National Ski Association, or one of its divisions.

Interested candidates are asked to contact their division of the National Ski Association.

-- E B



ROCK CLIMBING SECTION

Some thirty-odd eager rock climbers, from grizzled old timers John Dorsey and Carl Weisner to dewy-eyed novitiates Anne Jennings and Judy McFarlane, set out to break the tradition of late starts and early (next morning) finishes for Yosemite climbs. All parties were signed out by 8 a.m. Saturday morning, and all parties were safely back to camp by dark -- including a party of ten that went all the way on the Royal Arches and a party of six on the Lower Brother.

That evening around the campfire Mary Lou Nohr played her guitar and sang "wonderful, wonderful folk songs" - no complaints from the neighbors even though the festivities lasted until well past midnight. And the sound drifting across the campground did sound nice indeed to those of us who dropped out earlier in the evening. All in all it was one of our nicest campfires.

On Sunday, tradition was better served. John Shonle led the party that didn't find the route on Lower Cathedral Rock, with Bob Hill having provided the properly confusing instructions. Mike Loughman, Terry Tarver, and Cynthia Erickson attempted the "improbably traverse" on Pulpit Rock and found it quite improbable -- probability zero for the day. Larry Lackey and eleven others climbed up to the just beautiful pools at the top of Lower Yosemite Falls, where Anne Jennings and John Ward provided the "wherewithal" for the ritual stoppage of the falls. The day was capped by a 320 foot-plus rappel right alongside the falls.

All in all it was an exceptionally enjoyable weekend.

The annual RCS elections meeting was held in the club room on October 10. Carl Weisner, Larry Lackey, John Shonle, and Terry Tarver were elected members-at-large of the Rock Climbing Committee. After attending to business, we were treated to a showing of a fine set of slides by Dick Houston. These were from his trip to Bella Coola this summer, and encompassed a wide variety of subjects from a closeup of Jim Wilson's teeth to some of the most rugged glacial terrain imaginable. As an added dividend we were shown some slides of Floyd Burnett stream crossing and ... well, one picture is worth ten thousand words...

Tickets are now available for the RCS Dinner Dance at all local climbs; or send money to Helen Weisner for reservations. No tickets sold after November 10. The fee is $2 per person, come stag or drag a bag -- featuring Chinese Smorgasbord, on Saturday, November 15, at 6:30 P.M., New Farm Bureau Hall, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord, about seven miles from Walnut Creek. Maps are also issued with a ticket. Lots of fun -- excitement -- and good food. Do come!

Famous words in rock climbing history: "Remember, this is a sport -- this is FUN!!"

-- Bob Hill

EAST BAY DINNER NOV. 19

Put on your wooden shoes and pin a tulip to your lapel for the next East Bay Dinner, November 19th. Thelma Carder, a Fulbright exchange teacher in 1956-1957, will show colored slides of life in one Dutch City and an 8 mm. film on activities, classes, and examinations in two Dutch high schools.

For an hour of conversation, gather at Willard Jr. High School, Telegraph Avenue at Ward St., Berkeley, at 5:30 P.M. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the program following. For dinner reservations and additional information, call Jean Bonner before 10 P.M. on November 17, OLympic 5-1156.

-- Marjorie Lewis

SUGGESTED READING

Randal Dickey points out that Sierra Clubbers might be interested in having their names on the Publishers Central Bureau mailing list. He notes that this bookseller provides some of the best mountaineering books at cut rate prices. For instance, A. C. Spectorsky's "The Book of the Mountains", which carries a publisher's price of $12.50, may be had for $5.95. The address of Publishers Central Bureau is 419 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

SAVE FRIDAY, NOV. 21, FOR FISH

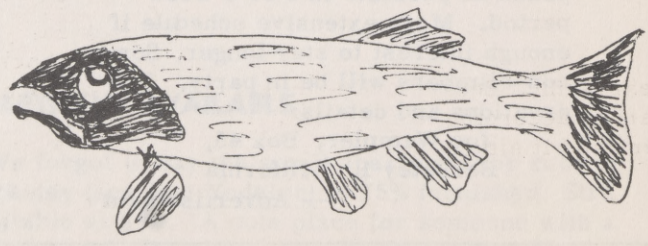
At the Natural Science Section Meeting on Nov. 21 Mr. William Dillinger, who is Information Officer for the State Department of Fish and Game, will have both movies and slides of the life histories of California fish, which also show just what the fish have to put up with in their native streams now-a-days and what the Department is doing to help them. Rumor says that certain lumber companies would be glad to buy this film just to sink it in the ocean.

The Department works hard to keep both fish and fishermen happy in spite of our rapid industrial expansion. Which reminds us of a quip we read in a British paper: "British police are accepting as gracefully as possible the recent remark of Aldeman C--- of Birmingham: Fish are the policemen of our rivers...when they disappear you know there is pollution there!"

This meeting will be held in the Mills Tower auditorium, Bush Street near Sansome, 7:45 p.m., November 21.

Note! N.S.S. meetings are popular. It is better to come early than to wish you had!

-- CMC



NORTH FORK KINGS RIVER KNAPSACK TRIP

To those who were participants, North Fork Kings River country was a spectacular success. Scenery in this region is quite varied and very impressive. By traveling cross-country for more than half of the 70-some miles covered, we explored many areas rarely visited by hikers or sportsmen. From the Wishon Reservoir roadhead to Lower Black Cap Basin, the party passed through heavily forested country interspersed with meadows and bare granite ridges and outcroppings, while in the shadow of the Leconte Divide there was the treat of rock-bound lakes under dominant peaks and headwalls. Many of the group joined in climbing three of the principal summits along the Kings Canyon Park Boundary, Mt. Henry, Mt. Reinstein and Finger Peak, gaining three rewarding perspectives of the Goddard and Evolution country as well as the North Kings drainage. The group was not bothered much by rain but took home memories of a wonderfully fickle Sierra summer. We were beset by fog and a ground-hugging gloom which for several days shrouded the peaks on the Black Cap bench, occasionally allowing the summits to emerge in a ghostly light, then fade away quickly. Blue, sunny skies often became churning blackness by mid-afternoon, with a full dosage of thunder, lightning, and hail, and once during the week we had a steady snowfall. All felt that Nature's whims made the outing more enjoyable - certainly more exciting.

Trip members explored and fished the three focal areas of the North Kings River Country, Black Cap Basin, Bench Valley and Red Mountain Basin; and incidentally, enjoyed fish at almost every morning and evening meal. High point of the trip was a 10-mile cross-country move downward along the main course of the Kings River. We found pocket meadows, chest-high in fern and shooting star; also groves of aspen a foot and a half or more in diameter in majestic array, without the mark of human hand or knifeblade. Streams approached the Kings sometimes as falls, sometimes forming quiet pools for a brief moment before joining the torrent of waters in the river. In this region, we often crossed smooth granite pitches and passed under domelike summits and polished cliffs reminiscent of Yosemite.

-- O. T. Watters

THE ART CORNER

Dear Yodeler: Roi Partridge's lovely etching of Mt. Shuksan (Yodeler, October 20) was much enjoyed. But why was this famous mountain printed backwards???

-- Ruth W. Mendenhall

Dear Ruth: Because all steel etchings are backwards, according to Dick Leonard. We don't understand it either.

-- HF

HIKERS GIVE SONGBIRDS COMPETITION

Mid-afternoon songfests aren't on the schedule for short hikes, but maybe they should be --

Autumn colors were at their best in Marin Oct. 25 when 38 hikers, including two children, took off through the dust and fallen leaves on a beginners' special.

The route was from Phoenix Lake over the Fish Gulch Trail to Lagunitas, with lunch stop at 11 a.m. (After all, who really wants to wait till noon to eat?) From Lake Lagunitas the trail went on to Camp Tucker. Here Ivan Tarnowski revealed that he just happened to have his ukelele and songbooks with him. There was no sense in his carrying around this equipment without it being used, so songbooks were passed around and the birds, insects, deer and any other wild life that couldn't get out of the way fast enough were treated to a concert. It can't be said that the animals of the forest gathered around the singers, as in the fairy tales, but at least they didn't crash noisily through the underbrush to get out of hearing range.

And the "songbreak" was a pleasant interlude in the hike.

-- AR

EASY HIKE TURNS INTO WALKATHON

There being no rule that a hike leader has to read the schedule for details on the hike he is to lead, Jim Vitek had a good excuse for lengthening his Tour of Water District Lakes from a 5- or 6-mile walk to a 10-miler, when he showed off Marin Municipal Water District's resources to 45 hikers November 1. Proud as Jim is of being connected with one of the few water districts that leaves its lands open to hikers, he may have felt that anything under 10 miles wouldn't be fair.

Included in the swing from Phoenix Lake to Lake Lagunitas and a circle tour of Bon Tempe Lake, was a visit to the $2 billion water treatment plant being constructed at the last-named lake.

Jim's encouraging yells at people struggling over the harder spots, especially when an advertised 5-miles-all-level stretch turned out to be all-level-up-and-down, plus his invitation to "anyone who wants" to drop by his new house for beer-and-?, kept the spirits of the assemblage up. And as the less adept glissaded down the last steep hill on their fannies, they said with one voice, "Golly, Jim, that was a swell hike!"

-- AR

(Ed. Note: We think Jim's a nice guy, but the real purpose of these nice words about him is to get him to renew his Yodeler subscription.)

CHAMPION SLALOM to be held this week-end on Mokelumne River, led by Elsa Bailey (above).

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RIVER TOURING SECTION

The new chairman of the River Touring Section in the S. F. Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club is Glen Gaumer. Welcome Glen. And we'll take this occasion to thank Bryce Whitmore for his very active and effective leadership in the past year. Thanks also to Lou Elliott who continues as Chairman of the River Touring Committee for the Sierra Club and will again be managing the major outings next summer.

This weekend, November 8-9, the 1958 Championship Slalom will be held on the Mokelumne River. There will be men's, women's, and novice classes, with practice on the 8th and the races on the 9th. This is an opportunity to practice in different boats and go through gates in easy riffles. Spectators may also enjoy hiking and gold panning in the area. Bring warm sleeping bags. Everybody welcome.

To get there take Route 88 out of Stockton to Clements, then turn right on 12 and left to Camanche. From there you will find arrows leading to the slalom spot and camping. Leader: Elsa Bailey, OLympic 4-5640. Don't forget the regular monthly meeting November 11. -- EB

NEW MEMBERS ATTENTION!!

Would you like to know more about the Sierra Club and its activities? Would you like to do something significant to promote these activities?

One of the most interesting phases of the club operation is the safety committee. An appeal is made, particularly to new members to work on this interesting committee. It involves discussions and correspondence with members in all of the chapters, as well as similar committees in other organizations, such as the Appalachian Mountain Club, Buckridge Ski Club, Washington Foldboat Club, and other outing clubs.

If you would like to help, please drop a postcard to: Frank (Red) Cockerline, 56 Chumalia Street, San Leandro, California.

The Sierra Club
1050 Mills Tower 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

MOUNTAINEARS HEAR

That great Lewis & Clark of the 20th century, Doug Peterson, is looking for adventurous souls to explore some old Gold mining country with him over Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 27-30). Interested persons should contact Doug at MOntrose 1-0072, or pound heavily on his door at 954 Ashbury St., in S. F.

Bob Golden and his wife became elated parents of a 7-lb. 4 oz. Todd Ralph Golden on Sept. 17th. Characterization: "Appears to be the sort of individual who will need no spokesman and will comment for himself in a few years".

Garfielders Virginia Irvine and Alexander Dzoghi were married recently.

Here is a bit of pocketbook nostalgia from the Dec. 22, 1938 issue of the Sierra Club News (forerunner of The Yodeler): "RATES AT CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE: Members, Lodging 25¢ nite; Saturday nite only 50¢. Meals: Breakfast, 50¢, Lunch 25¢, Dinner 50¢." BE SURE TO VOTE REACTIONARY TOMORROW!

And how do you like this joke? "Young lady with corn would like to meet gentleman with lima beans. Object: succotash!" Well, the Loma Prietan printed it.

Please send us facts, all types of evidence, rumors, slander, about anyone you know, to improve the color of this undernourished column.

-- DB